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LOK SABHA

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CELLULAR SERVICE IN ANDHRA PRADESH
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to extend cellular service in Krishna and other districts of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time schedule worked out therefor;

(d) the manner in which Government plan to compete with the private companies; and

(e) the details of plans and schedules for introduction of cheap and efficient cellular service by the government in new areas?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 85 towns are planned for coverage by the Cellular Mobile Service which includes all the Districts Headquarters in Andhra Pradesh including the Krishna Distt.

(c) Purchase orders are yet to be placed and as per present indications, it is expected that the network will roll out in the next financial year.

(d) The services will be introduced matching the Quality Parameters and at competitive rates.

(e) Further details of plans and schedules will be worked out in consultation with the vendors after the release of Purchase Orders.